CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of communicating with a watched party over a multiple access network comprising:

 providing said watched party with a contact identifier;

 storing a plurality of contact addresses for said watched party in a common location which is accessible via said multiple access network, each contact address being associated with a corresponding plurality of different devices and having different values;

 receiving a request from a watching party to contact said watched party, wherein said request includes said contact identifier;

 determining presence information for the watched party including identifying which of said different devices are in active communication with the multiple access network and identifying a geographical location of at least one mobile device;

 selecting one of the plurality of contact addresses associated with at least one device identified as being in active communication with the multiple access network as an address for contacting the watched party, the step of selecting based in-part upon the identified geographical location of the mobile device and operating in response to a watched party defined contact rule, the watched party defined contact rule associating watched party presence and user preferences with each of the plurality of contact numbers; and

 selectively forwarding the selected contact address to the watching party to enable the watching party to contact the watched party at the selected contact address in response to the watched party contact rules, whereby quickly contacting the watched party may be facilitated and controlled.

2. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

 prior to contacting said watched party, providing a contact address and a description of said at least one device to the watching party.

3. (original) The method according to Claim 2 further comprising:

 prior to contacting said watched party, said watching party providing said contact address and said description of said at least one device with said request.

4. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

determining that said watched party is accessible via a plurality of devices;

contacting said watched party via at least one of said plurality of devices based upon said set of watched party defined contact rules.

5. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 4 further comprising:

prior to contacting said watched party, providing a contact address and a description of said at least one device to a the watching party.

6. (original) The method according to Claim 5 further comprising:

prior to contacting said watched party, said watching party providing said contact address and said description of said at least one device with said request.

7. (original) The method according to Claim 6 further comprising:

prior to contacting said watched party, providing a contact address and a respective description of said plurality of devices to said watching party.

8. (original) The method according to Claim 7 further comprising:

prior to contacting said watched party, said watching party providing said contact address and said description of at least one of said plurality of devices with said request.

9. (original) The method according to Claim 2 further comprising determining a contextual situation of a watched party and providing a description of said contextual situation to said watching party.

10. (original) The method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

converting said contact identifier into at least one of said plurality of contact addresses prior to contacting said watched party.

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11. (original) The method according to Claim 1 further comprising converting said contact identifier into a plurality of said plurality of contact addresses prior to contacting said watched party.

12. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

controlling access to said determination that said watched party has access to said multiple access network via said at least one device based upon said watched party defined contact rules.

13. (currently amended) A system for communicating with a watched party over a multiple access network comprising:

a processor coupled to said multiple access network;

wherein said processor is configured to store contact information for contacting said watched party via a plurality of access networks, the contact information including a plurality of different contact numbers corresponding to the plurality of devices associated with at least two different access networks;

at least one watched party defined contact rule stored in said processor the watched party defined contact rule associating watched party presence and user preferences with each of the plurality of contact numbers;

a plurality of gateways coupled between said processor and said plurality of access networks;

wherein said plurality of gateways are configured to provide said processor with information pertaining to a presence of said watched party on said plurality of access networks, including which of the devices is currently in active communication with at least one of the access networks and a geographical location of at least one mobile device; and,

wherein said processor is configured to select one of the contact addresses for forwarding to a watching party seeking access to the watched party in response to the watched party defined contact rules and the geographical location of the at least one mobile device.

14. (previously presented) The system according to Claim 13 further comprising a plurality of watched party defined contact rules stored in said processor.

15. (original) The system according to Claim 13 wherein:

said contact information includes at least one destination address of said watching party for contacting said watched party via at least one of said access networks.

16. (original) The system according to Claim 13 wherein:

said contact information includes at least one device type for contacting said watching party.

17. (original) The system according to Claim 16 wherein:

said device type is selected from the group consisting of telephone, facsimile, pager, e-mail system, and video conference system.

18. (original) The system according to Claim 15 wherein:

said subset of said contact information comprises a contact identifier which is convertible by said processor into at least one contact address for said watched party.

19. (original) The system according to Claim 18 wherein said contact identifier comprises a telephone number.

20. (original) The system according to Claim 18 wherein said contact identifier comprises a data network address.

21. (previously presented) The system according to claim 13 wherein said processor is configured to limit access to a watching party to at least one set of contact information based upon said at least one watched party defined contact rule.

22. (currently amended) A system for communicating with a watched party over a multiple access network comprising:

processor means coupled to said multiple access network, for storing contact information for contacting said watched party via a plurality of devices associated with at least two access networks, the contact information including a plurality of contact addresses associated with the plurality of devices;

at least one watched party defined contact rule stored in said processor means, the watched party defined contact rule associating watched party presence and user preferences with each of the plurality of contact numbers;

gateway means coupled between said processor means and said plurality of access networks for providing said processor with information pertaining to a presence of said watched party on said plurality of access networks, including which of the devices is in active communication with at least one of said access networks and a geographical location of at least one mobile device; and,

wherein said processor means is further configured to provide one of the plurality of contact addresses to a watching party seeking access to the watched party in response to a watching party request and the watched party defined contact rules and the geographical location of at least one mobile device.

23. (previously presented) The system according to Claim 22 further comprising:

a plurality of watched party defined contact rules stored in said processor means.

24. (original) The system according to Claim 22 wherein:

said contact information includes at least one destination address of said watching party for contacting said watched party via at least one of said access networks.

25. (original) The system according to Claim 22 wherein:

said contact information includes at least one device type for contacting said watching party.

26. (original) The system according to Claim 25 wherein:

said device type is selected from the group consisting of telephone, facsimile, pager, e-mail system, and video conference system.

27. (original) The system according to Claim 22 wherein:

a subset of said contact information comprises a contact identifier which is convertible by said processor means into at least one contact address for said watched party.

28. (original) The system according to Claim 27 wherein:

said contact identifier comprises a telephone number.

29. (original) The system according to Claim 27 wherein:

said contact identifier comprises a data network address.

30. (previously presented) The system according to Claim 22 wherein said processor means is configured to limit access to a watching party to at least one set of contact information based upon said at least one watched party defined contact rule.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

prior to contacting said watched party, automatically determining a location of said watched party.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the location of said watched party is automatically determined based at least in part on recent use of said at least one device.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the location of said watched party is automatically determined based at least in part on recent use of said at least one device.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein at least one of said plurality of contact addresses is associated with said at least one device.

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35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of selecting one of said contact addresses based at least in part on said set of watched party defined contact rules.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of selecting a contact address associated with a device, that is not at the automatically determined location of the watched party.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of selecting a contact address associated with a device that is at the automatically determined location of the watched party.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

prior to contacting said watched party, determining a location of said watched party based on a plurality of sources.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the plurality of sources comprises the at least one device that said watched party uses to access said multiple access network.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising

prior to contacting said watched party, accessing a stored information about said watched party in the at least one device.

41. (previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising

prior to contacting said watched party, determining the location of said watched party based on the stored information in the at least one device.

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising

prior to contacting said watched party, accessing a location information of said watched party in the watched party defined contact rules.

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43. (previously presented) The method of claim 42, further comprising:

prior to contacting said watched party, determining a location of said watched party based on the location information found in the watched party defined contact rules.